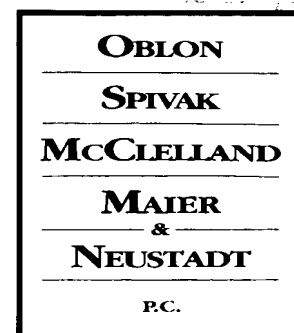


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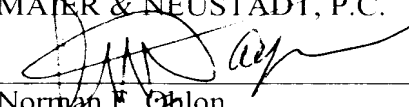
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Our check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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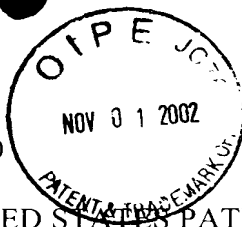
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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 3, 2002, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group III, Claims 6-17, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5, drawn to a polynucleotide sequence with the SEQ ID NO: 1, and said sequence in a vector;
- Group II: Claim 3, drawn to a protein encoded by the SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- Group III: Claims 6-17, drawn to transgenic medaka fish and medaka fish and use thereof.

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Applicants note that the claims of Groups II-III are directly dependent from the
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